

Amendment No. 4 to SB3145

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3145*

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By deleting the new section 68-____-101 in its entirety added in Section 2, as amended, and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The department of health is hereby directed to study the prevalence and severity of asthma in the state of Tennessee. This study shall include but not be limited to an analysis of data from the hospital discharge data system to identify patterns of asthma prevalence in Tennessee and opportunities to improve care quality and health outcomes. In carrying out the requirements of this section, the department is authorized to contract with outside experts, consultants, and other entities as it deems appropriate. Any costs associated with this study shall be provided through existing funding.

(b) From its study, the department of health shall determine whether a pilot project in a Tennessee municipality with a high incidence of asthma should be developed. The goal of such pilot project shall be the reduction of asthma and asthma-related illnesses in such municipality and shall include accessibility and compliance with medication protocols.